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SUBJECT: NAVY RULING CONCERNING VALIDITY OF DIVORCES IN JAPAN

REF: STATE 028556, TOKYO 1235, TOKYO 1756, 10 FEB 75

1. ANOTHER CASE INVOLVING NAVY PERSONNEL AND THE VALIDITY OF DIVORCE IN JAPAN HAS ARISEN. IN THIS CASE TWO AMERICANS WHO MARRIED IN U.S. WERE DIVORCED IN JAPAN. THEY NOW WISH TO REMARRY EACH OTHER. NAVY WILL NOT ISSUE DOCUMENT NEEDED FOR MARRIAGE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL CONTENDING COUPLE MUST GO TO U.S. AND AGAIN GET DIVORCED THERE BEFORE THEY CAN REMARRY EITHER IN U.S. OR JAPAN; OTHERWISE, NAVY FAMILY ALLOWANCE SECTION IN CLEVELAND WILL NOT RECOGNIZE THE MARRIAGE FOR PURPOSES OF WIFE BEING LEGAL DEPENDENT.

2. AS INDICATED IN TOKYO 1756, THIS NAVY RULING PRESENTS THE PARTIES WITH A RIDICULOUS SITUATION. THE RULING IS NOT FOLLOWED BY AIR FORCE OR ARMY. IT CANNOT BE FOLLOWED BY THE EMBASSY IN EITHER VISA OR CITIZENSHIP CASES. AS DEPT IS AWARE, IT HAS BEEN OUR WORLDWIDE POLICY TO GIVE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT TO MARRIAGES OR DIVORCES WHICH TAKE PLACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES, EXCEPT THAT FOR IMMIGRATION PURPOSES WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE PROXY DIVORCES IN WHICH NEITHER PARTY HAS APPEARED IN PERSON BEFORE THE LOCAL COURT.

3. EMB WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF RESULTS OF DEPT REVIEW OF THIS PROBLEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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